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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 2949

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, JA  
SUBJ: ARMY REDUCTION IN FORCE

REF: A. COMUSARJ 040726Z MAR (REPEATED INFO DEPT)  
B. TOKYO 2477  
C. TOKYO 1940 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: THE ARMY HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO RIF 4,150  
LOCAL EMPLOYEES, MOSTLY ON OKINAWA. THIS ACTION MUST BE  
INTEGRATED INTO A COORDINATED, OVERALL US FORCES APPROACH  
TO CHANGES NOW UNDER WAY AND INFORMED TO GOJ BEFORE SEPA-  
RATE RELATED ACTIONS TAKEN. END SUMMARY.

1. USARJ HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY (REF A) TO RIF 4,150  
LOCAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING 3,400 ON OKINAWA DURING FY  
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2. THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS SERIOUS CONCERN  
ABOUT THE DANGERS OF A SERVICE-BY-SERVICE, PIECE MEAL  
APPROACH TO THE COMMAND AND FORCE DEPLOYMENT CHANGES  
NOW UNDERWAY OR EXPECTED IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC. WE HAVE  
STRESSED THAT A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH WHICH PROVIDES A  
CONVINCING RATIONALE FOR THE CHANGES IN TERMS OF U.S.  
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LONG TERM SECURITY INTENTIONS WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO MEAN-

INGFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOJ, AND THAT WITHOUT SUCH CONSULTATIONS, CONFIDENCE IN U.S. INTENTIONS AND CREDIBILITY OF U.S. INTEREST IN CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP WILL BE AT STAKE. THE ARMY REQUEST BRINGS THIS PROBLEM INTO CRITICAL RELIEF.

3. THE EMBASSY ACCEPTS THE NEED FOR CHANGE, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, THE NEED FOR REDUCTIONS IN OUR EXPENSIVE LOCAL WORK FORCE. RIFS OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE CONSIDERABLE ADVERSE IMPACT, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY ON OKINAWA WHERE SUDDEN ADDITIONS TO COMMUNITY WORK FORCE MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ABSORB DURING POST-EXPO PERIOD. EMBASSY WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH COMUSJAPAN ON POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO MINIMIZING THE ADVERSE IMPACT. ONE AREA THAT WILL NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS INTER-SERVICE COORDINATION OF FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ IN CONTEXT OF PLANS FOR RELEASES AND BASE CONSOLIDATION PLANS. DESPITE THE GENERAL DECLINE IN PRESSURE ON OKINAWA FOR RETURN OF BASE LANDS, THE ADVERSE POLITICAL IMPACT OF THE PLANNED RIF WILL BE REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY IF THE U.S. CAN SHOW THAT IT IS ALSO REDUCING ITS BASE REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT ANTICIPATED COMMAND STRUCTURE CHANGES WILL RESULT IN REDUCED OVERALL U.S. FORCES BASE REQUIREMENTS. HERE AGAIN, HOWEVER, THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOJ UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF OUR LONG -RANGE NEEDS DEPENDS ON A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE CHANGES NOW UNDER WAY.

4. EMBASSY IN SHORT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AUTHORIZATION TO BRIEF GOJ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON FULL RANGE OF ANTICIPATED CHANGES ALONG LINES REF B, INCLUDING SUBJECT RIFS. WER URGE THAT NO ACTION BE TAKNE ON PLANNED ARMY RIF UNTIL THIS HAS BEEN DONE.  
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